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**AMENDMENT**  
**AND**  
**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 5, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 03 July 2006, and subsequent to the 03 January 2007 Notice of Appeal, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks are included following the amendments**